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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-27, without prejudice, and add the following claims:

28. A method of manufacturing a heat resistant product, the method comprising:

(i) coating vermiculite granules with a ceramic binder, and curing/drying the binder to form precoated vermiculite granules; and

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